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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
TAX POLICY

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 10:30 a.m. Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Tax Policy was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Jim Tedder.

Members present: Representatives Tedder, Maturen, Howrylak, Leutheuser, Lucido, Vaupel, Johnson, Kahle, Lower, Byrd, Neeley, Ellison, and Yancey.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, March 14, 2018 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee SB 511 and SB 512:

SB 511 (MacGregor) Individual income tax; other; Michigan first-time home buyer savings program act; create.

SB 512 (Horn) Individual income tax; deductions; tax incentives for contributions made to first-time home buyers program; provide for.

Leah Maher, representing Senator MacGregor, and Brian Westrin, representing the Michigan Realtors, introduced the bills to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Ken Osborne, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in opposition to the bills.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

David Worthams, representing the Michigan Bankers Association.

Dan Papineau, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Tabitha Zimney, representing Mortgage Lenders.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 4522:

HB 4522 (Whiteford) Individual income tax; exemptions; additional personal exemption for stillborn birth; provide for.

Substitute (H-2) was previously adopted to HB 4522 on March 14th, 2018.

Representative Leutheuser moved to report HB 4522, as substitute (H-2) with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Tedder, Maturen, Howrylak, Leutheuser, Lucido, Vaupel, Johnson, Kahle, Lower, Byrd, Neeley, Ellison, and Yancey.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 4115:

HB 4115 (Leutheuser) Sales tax; exemptions; sales at retail for fund-raising activities by nonprofit organizations; increase exempt amount.

Substitute (H-1) was previously adopted to HB 4115 on February 14th, 2018.

Representative Leutheuser moved to adopt the substitute (H-3) to HB 4115.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Tedder, Maturen, Howrylak, Leutheuser, Lucido, Vaupel, Johnson, Kahle, Lower, Byrd, Neeley, and Yancey.

NAYS: Representative Ellison.

PASS: None.

Representative Leutheuser moved to report HB 4115, as substitute (H-3) with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Tedder, Maturen, Howrylak, Leutheuser, Lucido, Vaupel, Johnson, Kahle, Lower, Byrd, Neeley, and Yancey.

NAYS: Representative Ellison.

PASS: None.

Ken Osborne, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a neutral position testimony card, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair went at ease at 11:11 a.m., and reconvened at 11:13 a.m.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 5143:

HB 5143 (Barrett) Property tax; exemptions; alternative energy personal property; modify exemption.

Representative Barrett, and Liesl Clark, representing the Energy Innovation Business Council, introduced the substitute (H-2) to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Kahle moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) to HB 5143.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Tedder, Maturen, Howrylak, Leutheuser, Lucido, Vaupel, Johnson, Kahle, Lower, Byrd, Neeley, Ellison, and Yancey.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Kahle, and Bill Sprow, representing himself, testified in support of the bill.

Ken Osborne and Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in opposition of the bill, as written.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak: Brian Westrin, representing the Michigan Realtors.

Andrew Vermeesch, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Kara Cook, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.

Robert Gordon, representing the Sierra Club.

Ryan Wardin, representing The Alliance for Solar Choice.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:01 p.m.

Representative Jim Tedder, Chair

Eddie Sleeper
Committee Clerk
March 21, 2018
91 minutes

Date Approved and Signed